Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program
Annual Report

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Yukon
Economic Development
Film & Sound Commission

Minister's Message

It is my pleasure to introduce the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program Annual Report. Since 2004, the Film & Sound Commission's Incentive Program has supported the growth and diversification of the film and sound industries.

Each year, Yukon government supports a variety of film projects produced or co-produced by local filmmakers, while supporting national and international production companies undertaking film production in Yukon. The Film & Sound Incentive Program also supports training initiatives designed to help Yukoners develop their careers. Support to film industry organizations helps ensure a collaborative and cooperative effort in the development of Yukon films.

In the sound recording industry, the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program supports the growth of individual music careers by providing financial contributions to professional sound and demo CDs.

The goals of the Yukon Film & Sound Incentive Program are to increase the level of film and sound recording production in Yukon, to maximize Yukon employment opportunities in the sectors, and to encourage sustainable growth.

During the 2008-2009 fiscal year, $443,890 was approved under the Incentive Programs to support a variety of film and sound projects.

Film activity in Yukon is on an upswing, while many Yukon musicians are gaining national and international prominence. Yukon government is pleased to provide a program that supports industry development and recognizes the outstanding efforts of our musicians, filmmakers, professional crew and technicians.

Jim Kenyon
Minister of Economic Development

Yukon Film Location Incentive

Total Approved Amounts 08/09
$47,558

The Film Location Incentive encourages production companies from outside Yukon to film in Yukon and hire and train Yukoners. There are three components to this incentive program.

Travel Rebate

- *Commercial and documentary productions are eligible for 50% of travel costs to a maximum of $10,000, or 10% of all Yukon expenditures (whichever is the lesser).*
- *Television programs, television Movie of the Week (MOW), and feature film productions, are eligible for 50% of travel costs to a maximum of $15,000, or 15% of Yukon expenditures not assisted under any other portion of the Yukon Film Incentive Program (whichever is the lesser).*

Labour Rebate

- *Television programs, television Movie of the Week (MOW), documentaries, and feature films (but not commercials) are eligible for a rebate of up to 35% of wages paid for eligible Yukon labour, provided criteria are met.*

Training Program

- *As with the Labour rebate, productions are eligible for a rebate of up to 35% of wages paid to individuals providing on-set training to eligible Yukon labour.*

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Diverse Bristol Ltd.	• "Man Vs Wild" episode • Diverse Bristol spent a total of $104,921 in Yukon. Five Yukon residents worked on this production.	$19,080	Project Complete
National film Board of Canada (Toronto and West Studio)	• "Allana" • National Film Board of Canada spent a total of $21,127 in Yukon. Three Yukon residents worked on this production.	$6,113	Project Complete
Partners Film Inc	• "Versus Country" – 8 thirty second commercials • Partners Film spent a total of $83,985 in Yukon.	$8,000	Project Complete
AJE Underdog Productions Inc	• "Underdog" • AJE Underdog spent a total of $43,207 in Yukon. Two Yukon residents worked on this production.	$6,967	Project Complete

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Steve Rotfeld Productions Inc.	▪ "Wild About Animals" ▪ .	$944	Awaiting final reporting
Bestboy Productions Ltd.	▪ "The Skinny Dip" episode ▪ Bestboy Productions spent a total of $41,250 In Yukon. Ten Yukoners were employed on the production.	$6,454	Project Complete

Yukon Film Development Fund

Total Approved Amounts 08/09
$26,422

Under the Film Development Fund, up to 50% of actual Yukon expenditures to a maximum of $35,000, or 33% of total project expenses, whichever is the lesser, is available to Yukon residents or Yukon corporations to assist with the cost of development of film projects in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast development agreement or a distribution arrangement.

An additional $10,000 is available to an applicant if the broadcaster/distributor requires more senior personnel, not available in Yukon, to be attached to the project.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Big Day Video Productions Ltd.	▪ "Whitehorse 911" ▪ Total Development Budget for this phase is estimated at $20,000.	$13,809	Development in Progress
Northern Town Films Inc.	▪ "Story of Lillian Ailing" ▪ Total Development budget for this phase is estimated at $15,000.	$7,613	Development in Progress
Up and Away Productions	▪ "Apologies" ▪ Total Yukon Development budget for this phase is estimated at $28,000.	$5,000	Development in Progress

Yukon Film Production Fund

Total Approved Amounts 08/09
$247,149

Under the Film Production Fund, up to $500,000/project is available to Yukon corporations with significant financial and creative control over a film project, to assist with the costs of producing the film in Yukon. The applicant is required to have marketplace support in the form of a broadcast license or a distribution arrangement.

For productions solely controlled by a Yukon resident or corporation, the contributions will be based on 30% of Yukon expenditures, or 30% of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

For co-productions, the contribution will be based on 30% of Yukon expenditures, or 20% of total production costs (whichever is the lesser).

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Reel Cold Inc.	• "Out in the Cold" episodes 7 – 10 • Total budget is projected at $664,337.	$62,149	Awaiting final reporting
Red Coat Justice Yukon Inc.	• "Red Coat Justice" • Total budget is projected at $1,250,000	$185,000.00	Project in Progress

Yukon Film Training Initiative

Total Approved Amounts 08/09
$42,160

Under the Film Training Initiative, up to $3,000/person/year is available to Yukon residents for training for a career in the film industry. Applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to a career in this field (such as significant recent course work and/or work experience). Yukon film industry organizations are also eligible for funding to support local film workshops.

Name of Applicant	Project Information	Approved Amount	Project status
Northern Film and Video Industry Association	Film crew training workshops.	$12,500	Complete
Yukon Film Society	Mise-en-Scene short drama training project.	$12,500	Complete
Yukon Film Society	Filmmaker workshops in conjunction with the Available Light Film Festival.	$8,500	Complete
Dawson City Arts Society	Filmmaker workshops in conjunction with the Dawson City International Short Film Festival.	$8,660	Complete

Yukon Filmmakers Fund

Total Approved Amounts 08/09
$45,000

Under the Filmmakers Fund, up to $8,000/applicant is available to Yukon resident film and video professionals to assist them in developing viable careers in the film industry. There are two intakes per year: June 1st and December 1st.

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status
Duane Gastant Aucoin	"My Own Private Lower Post"	$3,000	Project Complete
Mitch Miyagawa	"The Apology"	$8,000	Project in Progress
Allan Code	"Team Bones"	$7,000	Project in Progress
Andrew Crowther	"The Body"	$6,000	Project in Progress
David Hamlin	"Fragments"	$7,000	Project in Progress
Andrew Sharp	"Harpies"	$7,000	Project in Progress
Michael Vernon	"Why We Wrote"	$7,000	Award returned

Total number of applications 2008/09: 15

Yukon Sound Recording Program

Total Approved Amounts 08/09
$35,601

The Yukon Sound Recording Program supports the Yukon sound recording industry by providing financial assistance for demo and full length sound recording projects. There are two intakes per year: May 1st and November 1st.

There are two components to the Sound Recording Program:

- *Professional Demo Recording of up to $2,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of 2 tracks or 5 minutes.*
- *Professional Sound Recording of up to $5,000 for producing a CD with a minimum of 6 tracks or 20 minutes.*

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status
Gordie Tentrees	Professional Demo Recording "Flesh and Bone"	$2,000	Project Complete
Declan O'Donovan	Professional Demo Recording "Roll On"	$500	Project Postponed
Kim Beggs O/A Paper Bag Productions	Professional Demo Recording "Terrible Valentine"	$2,000	Project Complete
Lara Lewis	Professional Demo Recording "Make You Smile"	$2,000	Project Complete
Lauren Tuck O/A Graceful PRoductions	Professional Demo Recording "The Funk"	$2,000	Project Complete
Ben Mahony	Professional Demo Recording "Marquee"	$2,000	Project Complete
Aaron Burnie	Professional Demo Recording "Beautiful Place"	$1,127	Project in Progress
Michael Brooks	Professional Demo Recording "Animals"	$2,000	Project in Progress
Lana Rae Lacroix O/A Gumball Records	Professional Demo Recording "But You Never Could Be True"	$2,000	Project Complete
Anne Louise Genest	Annie Lou Professional Sound Recording	$5,000	Project Complete

Name of Applicant	Project Name	Approved Amount	Project Status
Kim Beggs O/A Paperbag Productions	Professional Sound Recording "Mama's Dress"	$5,000	Project in Progress
Blue Star Productions	The Twisters Professional Sound Recording	$4,974	Project in Progress
Gordie Tentrees O/A Buckaroo Music	Professional Sound Recording "Devil Talks to You"	$5,000	Project Complete

Total number of applications 2008/09: 25

Statistical Summary

	2008/2009
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Yukon Sound Recording Program	$35,601
Total Film Incentive Funds Approved 08/09	**$443,890**